

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )  
BARGHOORN et al. ) BOX PCT  
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International Application )  
PCT/EP 00/02110 )  
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Filed: March 10, 2000 )  
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11/16/01

For: STYRENE COPOLYMERS WITH IMPROVED CHEMICALS RESISTANCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-8 and <sup>ADD</sup> insert new claims 9 -18 on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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